

Empowering young people through connection – a culturally tailored Local Drug Action Team Program in a remote Aboriginal community in Western Australia

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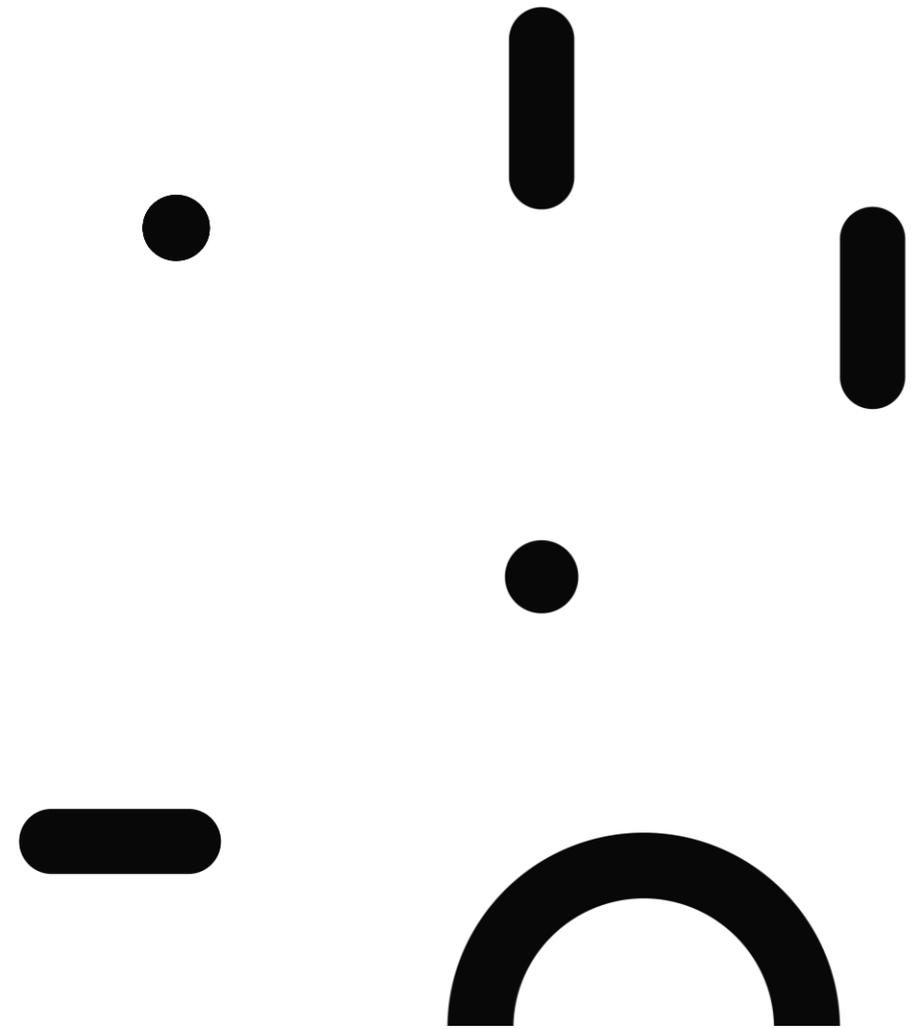
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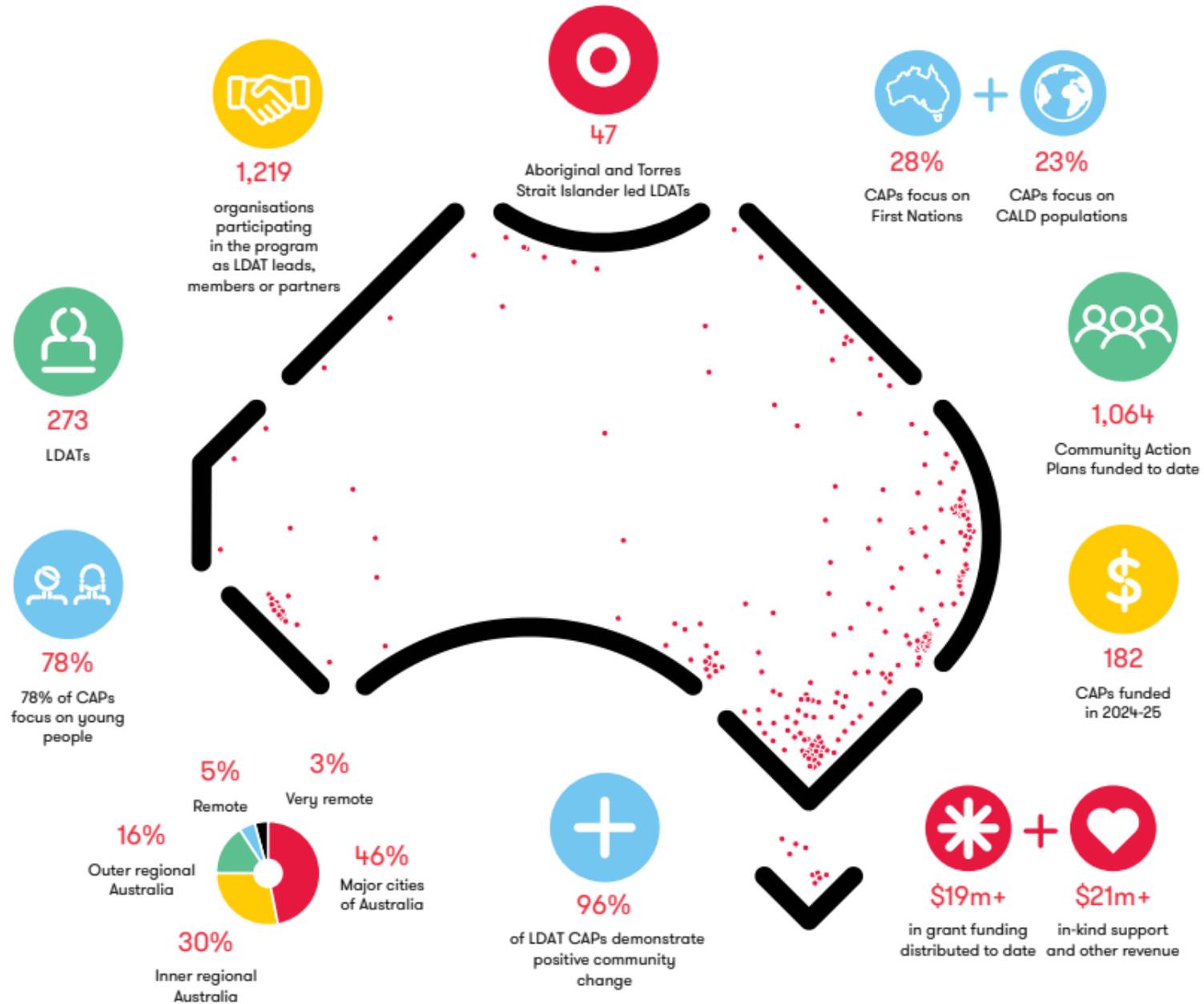
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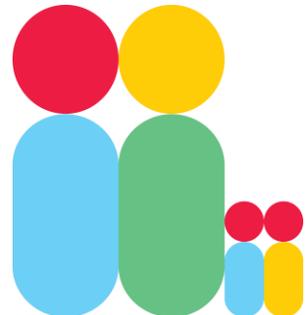
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- ✓ Remote Western Australian community
 - ✓ Over 80% of the population identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- ✓ Significant challenges related to risky alcohol and other drug (AOD) use, particularly alcohol and cannabis.
- ✓ Initiative targeting at-risk youth aged 6–17 via the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) Program





Wiluna LDAT – highlights

ADF | Alcohol
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Girls Pampering Night

Art Nights

Boys Nights

Healthy Cooking Classes

Program effectiveness and acceptability

High engagement, with strong attendance and positive feedback

Reduced intentions to engage in risky AOD behaviour

Improved trust in service providers, and social and emotional wellbeing

Disengaged teenagers returned to school and reconnected with the community

Strengthened service pathways between youth and local support agencies

**The Wiluna LDAT
demonstrates the value of
sustained, collaborative
partnerships and culturally
responsive place-based
prevention approaches to
reduce AOD harms in
regional and remote
communities**